

In re PATENT application of: Pennington, et al.

Examiner: Anthony G. Quash

Serial No: 09/746,156

Group No.: 2881

Filed: 12/22/00

Docket No.: 61404-1090

Title: Storage Vessel and Related Closure Methods

Confirmation No.: 2334

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Response/Amendment  
☒ Fee as Calculated Below  
☐ No additional fee is required.  
☒ Small Entity status has been established.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer  
☐ Corrected Drawings  
☐ Other:

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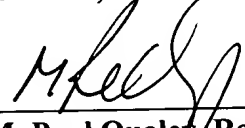
CLAIMS AS AMENDED FOR SMALL ENTITY					
	Claims After Amendment	Highest Prev. Paid For	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	30	- 23	7	x \$9.00	= \$63.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3	0	x \$42.00	= \$0
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment					= \$63.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.  
☐ A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is attached in the amount of \$  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778 the amount of \$63.00 for the fee identified above. A duplicate of this Amendment Transmittal Letter is included herewith.  
☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any insufficiencies, and the Commissioner is hereby requested to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Pennington, *et al.*

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For: **Storage Vessels and Related Closure Methods**

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**FIRST RESPONSE WITH AMENDMENTS**

Mail Stop: Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed *April 10, 2003* (Paper No. 4) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 10, 12, 17, and 21 are amended; claims 13-16 and 18 are canceled; and claims 24-35 are added. Claims 1-12, 17, and 19-35 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

***AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT***

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.